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FOR: DEVICE FOR COUPLING A COOLANT SUPPLY TO A ROLLER

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 11, 2005, and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 13, 2006, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 together with additional references.

DE 197 52 336 was cited in Applicants' January 13, 2006 Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, but was not made of record by the Examiner because a concise explanation of the relevance of this reference had not been provided. Accordingly, Applicants provide same herein.

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The relevance of *DE 197 52 336* can be discerned from the claims of the granted *EP 1 034 059* patent, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, and listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. As can be seen from the English-language claims 1-8, the emphasis of *DE 197 52 336* (and *EP 1 034 059*) is on the stand pipes. In more detail, the cover plate (14) is provided with two socket connections (12b, 12c) located side by side for the cooling water lines in the form of stand pipes (18a, 18b). These stand pipes are used for water supply of the roller via the rotary joint, thus replacing the standard hose connection. The improvement is that the stand pipes are less sensitive to the environmental conditions of the caster compared to the hoses mainly made from rubber. Further embodiments of the stand pipes are defined in the dependent claims.

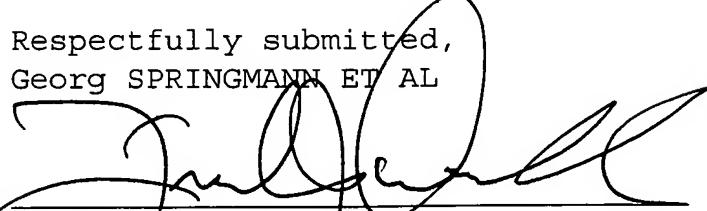
Also listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are references cited in an opposition filed by Siemens VAI against the granted *EP 1 613 441* corresponding to Applicants' application herein. The relevance of *EP 0 519 904* and *EP 1 048 880* can be discerned from the English-language claims of these documents. The relevance of *AT 000 687* can be discerned from the drawing.

WO 97/15763 and WO 03/004919 correspond, respectively, to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,992,901 and 7,004,509, already of record in this application. DE 42 07 042 also cited by Siemens in the opposition is not listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 as this reference has already been cited in Applicants' October 11, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement and made of record by the Examiner.

Because this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed subsequent to an Office Action, a check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee for filing this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted,
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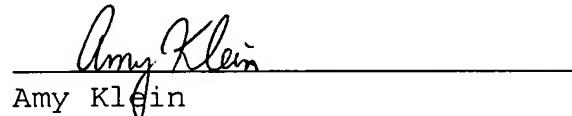
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